

CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A dispenser adapted to dispense sheet material, the dispenser comprising:

a housing including a platform configured to support sheet material thereon, the platform including a slot and an adjustable orifice configured to alter a size of the slot, the slot and adjustable orifice positioned on a first axis, the housing formed to include an exit port spaced apart from the platform, the exit port positioned on a second axis;

wherein sheet material disposed in the dispenser flows between the opening in the platform and the exit port on a third axis.

2. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the platform includes a base plate.

3. The dispenser of claim 2, wherein the base plate is configured to carry a movable slide.

4. The dispenser of claim 3, wherein the movement of the slide alters the size of the slot.

5. The dispenser of claim 3, wherein the slide provides at least a portion of the adjustable orifice.

6. The dispenser of claim 5, wherein the slide includes a pair of spaced-apart pivot arms pivotably coupled thereto.

7. The dispenser of claim 6, wherein the slide and pivot arms move on at least a portion of the base plate.

8. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the housing includes a roll housing and a cover.
9. The dispenser of claim 8, wherein a portion of the exit port includes an orifice provided by a portion of the cover.
10. The dispenser of claim 8, wherein a portion of the exit port is provided by the roll housing.
11. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the sheet material follows a generally serpentine path from the opening in the orifice plate and through the exit port.
12. The dispenser of claim 11, wherein the serpentine path causes frictional resistance that assists in dispensing one sheet material at a time from the dispenser.
13. The dispenser of claim 11, wherein the sheet material flows a distance between the support platform and exit port.
14. The dispenser of claim 11, wherein the size of the slot is adjusted via the adjustable orifice in accordance with a selected characteristic of the sheet material.
15. The dispenser of claim 1, wherein the slot in the platform forms a C-shape.
16. The dispenser of claim 15, wherein the adjustable orifice provides a widened U-shape within the slot.

17. A dispenser adapted to dispense sheet material, the dispenser comprising

a housing including a platform configured to support sheet material thereon, the platform including a slot and an adjustable orifice configured to alter the size of a slot, the housing formed to include an exit port spaced apart from the support platform,

wherein sheet material disposed in the dispenser flows on a generally serpentine path from the platform and through the exit port.

18. The dispenser of claim 17, wherein the platform includes a base plate.

19. The dispenser of claim 18, wherein the base plate is configured to carry a movable slide.

20. The dispenser of claim 19, wherein the slide provides at least a portion of the adjustable orifice.

21. The dispenser of claim 20, wherein the movement of the slide alters the size of the slot.

22. The dispenser of claim 20, wherein the slide includes a pair of spaced-apart pivot arms pivotably coupled thereto.

23. The dispenser of claim 22, wherein the slide and pivot arms move on at least a portion of the base plate.

24. The dispenser of claim 17, wherein the sheet material flows a distance between the support platform and exit port.

25. The dispenser of claim 17, wherein the slot and adjustable orifice are positioned on a first axis, and the exit port is positioned on a second axis.

26. The dispenser of claim 25, wherein the sheet material positioned between the support platform and the exit port is disposed on a third axis.

27. A dispenser adapted to dispense sheet material, the dispenser comprising:

a housing including a platform having a slot therein configured to hold sheet material, the housing having an exit port spaced apart from the platform; and

means positioned on the platform for controlling the movement of sheet material disposed in the housing through the exit port, the controlling means including an adjustable orifice.

28. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein the platform includes a base plate configured to carry a movable slide, and wherein the moveable slide provides at least a portion of the adjustable orifice.

29. The dispenser of claim 28, wherein the movement of the slide alters the size of the slot.

30. The dispenser of claim 28, wherein the slide includes a pair of spaced-apart pivot arms pivotably coupled thereto, and wherein the slide and pivot arms move on at least a portion of the base plate.

31. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein the slide and the pivot arms provide at least a portion of the adjustable orifice.

32. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein the sheet material flows a distance between the support platform and exit port.

33. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein the slot and adjustable orifice are positioned on a first axis, and the exit port is positioned on a second axis.

34. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein the sheet material positioned between the support platform and the exit port is disposed on a third axis.

35. The dispenser of claim 27, wherein sheet material moving from the housing and through the exit port follows a generally S-shaped path which causes frictional resistance and assists in dispensing one sheet material at a time from the dispenser.